

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COURT OF APPEALS**

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In the Matter of RACHEL MARIE DANIELLE  
THORNTON, VANESSA JASMINE THORNTON,  
and BRIANNA THORNTON, Minors.

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FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

DELORES KAREN THORNTON,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

RAFAEL CUMMING, VAN CHISOLM, and BURT  
JONES,

Respondents.

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Before: O'Connell, P.J., and Jansen and Collins, JJ.

**MEMORANDUM.**

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the family court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(b)(i), (c)(i), (g), and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(b)(i), (c)(i), (g), and (j). We affirm.

The family court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Further, respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of her parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re*

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*Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ Peter D. O'Connell

/s/ Kathleen Jansen

/s/ Jeffrey G. Collins